

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No: 10/550,869 Conf. No.: 3428

Applicant: Stewart Kenyon Willis Docket No.: Acergy-56

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Examiner: Andrish, Sean D.

Title: *Apparatus and
Methods for Laying of
Elongate Articles from
a Vessel*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 4, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.